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Mother and boyfriend charged with murder of nine-month-old child

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that charges have been filed against a mother and her boyfriend accused of the murder of a ninemonth-old child. Apryl Hammer and Corey Bullock have both been charged with Murder, Aggravated Battery and Neglect of a Dependent for the September death of nine-month-old Aiva McGee.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed in the case, on September 30, 2014, medics responded to a 911 call reporting a child not breathing. When discovered, the child was in cardiac arrest and had visible bruising all over her body. She was removed from life support and pronounced deceased on October 2. A forensic pathologist preliminarily ruled the cause of death to be multiple blunt force traumatic injuries. It is further alleged that some of Aiva's injuries had occurred approximately two to five weeks prior to her death.

"The death of Aiva McGee is another sad example of the critical need for family members, neighbors and acquaintances to report suspected child abuse. Based on the alleged injuries and statements provided, this young child's death could have been prevented," Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry stated. "If anyone suspects a child is experiencing abuse or in danger, we hope that hearing this story will prompt them to come forward and report the incident to authorities."

The case has been assigned to Court 1. Bullock and Hammer were arrested in Tennessee and are awaiting extradition. An initial hearing is expected to be scheduled once they are transferred to Marion County.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.